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Angie Dew
Transportation Division,
IFTA/IRP
25 Years



Misti Chancellor
Agency-wide Information
Technology
25 Years



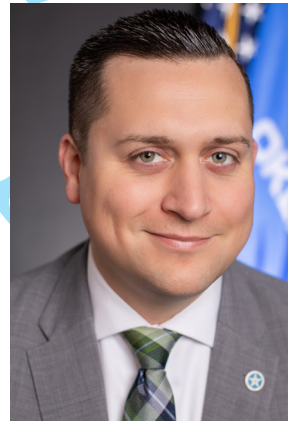
Paul Swigart
Transportation Division,
Director
15 Years



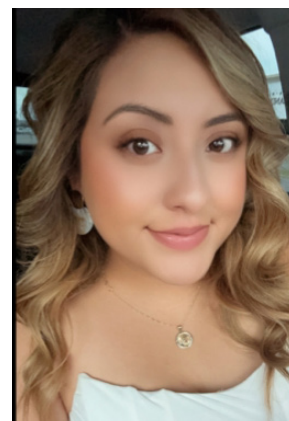
Roseanne Dean
Transportation Division,
Enforcement
10 Years



Brian Hughes
Transportation Division,
Administration
10 Years



Jeff Kline
Administrative, Judicial and
Legal Services, Administration
10 years



Ana Ocampo
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division, District 1
5 Years

And Also:

Chuck Carroll, Transportation Division Enforcement
30 Years

Christopher Winton, Petroleum Storage Tank Division Compliance
25 Years

Connie Pan, Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services, Administration
20 years

Greg Chamberlin, Petroleum Storage Tank Division, Technical
15 Years

Tommy Givens, Transportation Division, IFTA/IRP
10 Years

Braden Lewis, Transportation Division, Enforcement
5 Years

Quinn Lumen, Petroleum Storage Tank Division, Technical
5 Years

Eleise Rouse, Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services, Administration
5 Years



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Safety
matters

ON or OFF the job, don't forget heat stress

We still have about eight weeks of hot and humid weather ahead of us.

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns heat stress is an issue both on and off the job.

People can experience heat stress (increased heat storage within the body) through exposure to metabolic heat, environmental heat, and because of clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE).

Risk factors for heat-related illnesses include high temperatures and humidity, direct sun exposure, indoor radiant heat sources, limited air movement and a lack of acclimatization.

Other contributing factors are dehydration (not drinking enough fluids), physical exertion, physical condition and health problems, certain medications and advanced age.

On the job, engineering and work practice controls are essential to control the risks, including training to ensure you know what heat stress is, how it affects your health and safety and how it can be prevented. Off the job, common sense is important.

If not addressed, stress can result in heat-related illnesses, such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, heat rashes, and rhabdomyolysis (a rapid breakdown of skeletal muscle causing blood and kidney issues).

Heat stress can also cause physical injuries through:

- Sweaty palms or slipping on a sweat puddle on the floor.
- Impaired vision caused by fogged up safety glasses.
- Touching hot equipment.
- Dizziness and fatigue-caused slips and falls.



COVER: Oklahoma's Capitol is reflected by a standing pool of water in the courtyard between the Sequoyah and Will Rogers Buildings on June 5 after heavy storms moved through the area.
Photo by Jack Money
Top: Fire consumes tanks at a well site near Asher on June 6 after overnight storms.
Photo provided.
Center, left and right: A lightning strike at this well production site early June 4 left significant damage for its operator to repair.
Photo provided.
Above: Commission Transportation Division officers at the Sequoyah Port of Entry photographed this tornado headed into Arkansas June 6th. *Photo provided.*

Stormy Weather
keeps staff busy

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Field personnel working for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's various divisions stayed busy throughout spring and early summer as Oklahoma dealt with more than its fair share of tornadoes and significant amounts of rain.

According to Oklahoma's Mesonet, June's preliminary tornado count was set at 25, the second-highest monthly total seen since records have been kept.

Meanwhile, rainfall across Oklahoma during the month of June averaged 7.22 inches, making it the sixth wettest recorded.

Lightning strike were an issue for oil and gas operators, too. One in April caused a gas transmission line to catch fire, while others during early June storms set off fires at tank batteries near Asher and Seminole.

A silver lining, however, is that all the rain those storms dropped eliminated drought across the state, the first time that's been seen since July 23, 2019.

June's rains also added to record-breaking April rainfall and a very wet May, swelling ponds, rivers and lakes to levels not seen in years.

Some lakes in southern and easter Oklahoma went into July by as much as 20 feet above normal elevations, while other normally parched lakes in the southwest part of the state were nearly full, Mesonet reported.



Teams pitch pay for performance plans

Members of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Leadership Class 2 pitched plans in May inside the Oklahoma Supreme Court's chambers to improve pay for top-performing colleagues. Three teams presented to agency Executive Director Brandy Wreath and other employees, then answered questions about their proposals. No instructions were given. "We wanted them to work within their teams and come up with what they thought was the best approach and create their own work-flows," said Geoffrey Rush, who helped mentor the class.



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EFFORTS our agency's employees make both on and off the job aim to improve the lives of themselves and those of our fellow Oklahomans. Here are some highlights during the past three months.

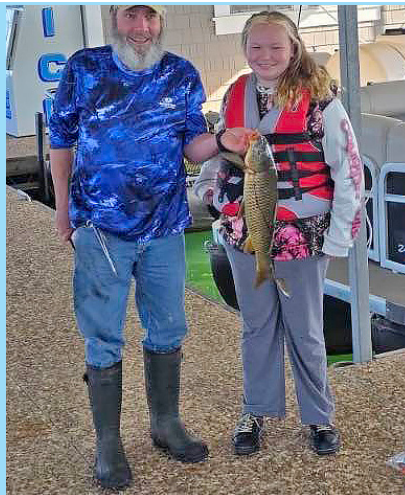
Agency employees set the hook for kids by helping them enjoy lake fishing adventures



Oklahoma Corporation Commission employees volunteered at several events this summer to help youths experience the joy of fishing.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers Brad Richey, Leland Vick, Justin Carroll, Tina Rich, Terry Miller, Danny King and Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer Madison Jones volunteered at a Lake Murray event in early May to help special needs boys and girls have a good time.

"I am incredibly proud of our officers who



dedicated their time and efforts to participate in the local fishing event for special needs children," Jones wrote as part of a post about the event.



Photos Provided



Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer David Tate joined Outreach Resource Officer Andrew Zerby, Oil and Gas Conservation District 3 Supervisor Mike Willard and Oil and Gas Field Inspector Casey Crelia in volunteering at Lawton's Cast for Kids event in June. "Despite a few rainstorms, the kids had a blast catching fish, receiving OCC stickers, and building unforgettable memories," wrote Zerby about the event.

Commission volunteers participated in two Cast For Kids events in early June.

At Honor Lake in Muskogee, a young girl and her father (with the help of Zerby) had a great time fishing.



In Duncan, Oil and Gas Inspectors Jeremy Miller and David Shook partnered with great young fishermen. Both kids had excellent skills as they each caught multiple fish!!

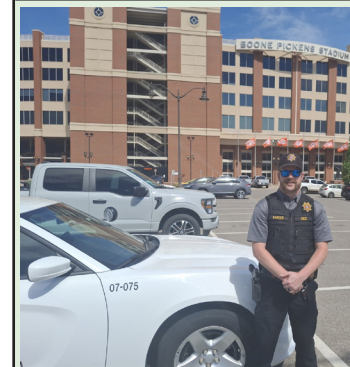
Zerby, meanwhile, partnered with a seasoned veteran participating in his seventh Cast for Kids event.



Each child was paired with a "Captain" and presented with plaques and pictures to commemorate the day, making lifetime memories for both the kids and the agency's volunteers, Zerby noted in a post about the events.

Happenings

Agency supports Oklahoma's Special Olympics



Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer Chris Barter and Motor Carrier Enforcement Sgt. Rodney McKee and his wife represented the Oklahoma Corporation Commission May 14 at the Special Olympics in Stillwater.

In addition to providing support and security, they also took time to cheer on the incredible athletes and connect with community.

Zerby, who posted about the Olympics, wrote the event served as a meaningful opportunity to highlight the important work our agency does daily.

"One attendee was so inspired, they even expressed interest in joining the OCC team!," he wrote.



They weren't the only agency employees who volunteered at the event.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers Tina Rich and Brad Richey attended the Olympic's golf tournament, helping to ensure it was a safe and fun environment for all, Zerby wrote.



Motor vehicle/carrier enforcement officers from the Love County Port of Entry enjoyed meeting the public and sampling food for a contest during this year's annual Love County Frontier Days event in Marietta. Nine port employees took part, Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer Madison Jones said.

Officer Cobb introduces youths to Whisker Woods Adventures



Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer Holly Cobb participated in a "Meet, Greet and Read" event involving area youth in Cimarron County in July.

"This involved meeting Penelope the skunk and reading with her!"

Penelope is a character in a book called Whisker Woods Adventures, authored by

Lindsey Cortese, Cobb explained.

"I very much enjoyed getting to read to the kids and meeting Penelope!"

Summit Reached

Eighteen members of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Leadership Class 2 celebrated successfully completing the program in July.

Program graduates were: Nancy Abraham and Cody Alsup, both Public Utilities Division program managers, Crissy Benjamin, a Transportation Division regulatory analyst, Robert Buswell, a motor carrier enforcement officer, Justin Cullen, formerly an attorney with the Public Utilities Division (now with the office of Oklahoma's Attorney General), and Stacey Fowler and Mario Job, both environmental analysts with the Petroleum Storage Tanks Division.

Also graduating from the program were: Melinda Johnson, a consumer complaints investigator with the Public Utilities Division, Jim Marlatt, a regulatory manager in the Oil and Gas Conservation Division's Induced Seismicity Department, Kacey Moery, a program manager in the Transportation Division, Eleise Rouse, an auditor supervisor in the Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Division, Mary Southerland, an auditor in the Transportation Division,

Sandra Sumaza, a payroll auditor in the Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Division, and EJ Thomas, an attorney in the same division.

Others celebrating their graduations were: Kimberly Trotter, a regulatory analyst with the Public Utilities Division, Ashley Weyland, a deputy general counsel for the agency, Christy Whiles, an administrative programs officer with the Transportation Division, Chancey Williams, a field inspector for the Oil and Gas Conservation Division, and Robert Wright, a motor carrier enforcement officer.

Participants in Class 2 were chosen by agency leadership, as were participants for a third leadership class that starts this month.

Leadership OCC is designed to train the agency's future leaders by developing useful skills and sharing critical information about various agency functions and roles. It also tasks participants with a specific project to explore, identify challenges and offer solutions in a final program presentation.

What this year's graduates heard



Former Commissioner Jim Roth: "You are public servants. You have taken an oath of office, you have an obligation to the Constitution and to the strangers across this state that I mentioned, and I hope you find some peace in that. Your ethics are not for sale. Leadership is not about a title, not about authority. It is about stepping into a moment and doing the right thing all the time, particularly when people are involved."

Be yourself, live an authentic life and you will be proud of the work you do every day."

Commissioner Brian

Bingman: "You know, everyone on the campaign trail would always ask me, 'what do you all do at the corporation commission?' If I have got an oil and gas background, I can tee off something like that. But actually, until you are elected and take a deep dive, no one knows what goes on at the Corporation Commission." The program, Bingman observed, makes the agency stronger. "You all are the experts now. Thank you for making that commitment. We appreciate that very much."



Agency Executive Director

Brandy Wreath: Wreath said the class's pay for performance proposals mattered. "This group is about commitment ... about leading change, about kindness, about making a difference, about leaving a legacy, and I can say everyone who participated learned as much from you guys as hopefully you will take from this experience. The program's purpose is for everybody at the agency to learn what everybody else does. That may seem like a simple thing, but a year is still not enough. We can only touch the tip of the iceberg of the greatness of OCC."



Commission Chair Kim

David: "You have accomplished something you can be very proud of. Taking a leadership class is not easy. I really appreciate the fact that you guys are taking it so seriously. Everything you do affects everyone on a daily basis. Hopefully, you all have learned how to listen better, speak wisely, think strategically and ask the right questions. Everything that you have learned and take back to your daily job will just make it better in helping the people of Oklahoma."